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SUBJ: PRESS ALLEGATION U.S. URGES SOUTH AFRICA TO

WAIT FOR AUSTRALIAN PRESIDENT OF UNGA

REF: CANBERRA 7110

1. DAILY NEWSPAPER THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLISHED REPORT NOV 19 FROM JOHN RAEDLER IN ITS NEW YORK OFFICE, ALLEGING THAT "U.S. STATE DEPT SOURCE" HAD STATED THAT DEPT ADVISED SOUTH AFRICA NOT RPT NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM UN BUT TO HOLD OUT UNTIL NEXT YEAR WHEN AN AUSTRALIAN WAS LIKELY TO BE NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY. REPORT GOES ON TO SAY THAT, IN VIEW OF STATE DEPT, AUSTRALIAN WAS LIKELY TO BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO SOUTH AFRICA.

2. IN ABSENCE OF INFO TO CONTRARY, WE ASSUME DEPT HAS NOT RPT NOT USED THIS LINE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE WILLESEE (IF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNGA) WOULD TAKE LINE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF SOUTH AFRICA. REFTEL COVERS EXCERPT OF PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT BY WILLESEE ON AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION ISSUE IN SECURITY COUNCIL. NOT ONLY IS THIS STATEMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LABOR GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, BUT IT IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE

WILLESEE'S PERSONAL VIEW, SINCE HE DRAFTED STATEMENT
HIMSELF.

3. EVEN IN EVENT OF AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN FIRST
HALF OF 1975 (POSSIBLE BUT BY NO MEANS PROBABLE) AND DE-
FEAT OF LABOR GOVERNMENT (ALSO POSSIBLE BUT TOO FAR INTO
FUTURE TO ASSESS PROBABILITY), WILLESEE, IF SCHEDULED FOR
ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF UNGA, WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE
HIS VIEWS N SOUTH AFRICA. GREEN

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